



# INCOMING MESSAGE



## Monthly Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2016

### Hey Space Goobers!

*Kieren Otton, Editor-in-Chief*

*Welcome to the September 2016 of edition of the newsletter. The cream of the Worlds Trek players, and Will Hoskin (jokes Will, I hope you go one better than 2012 Brother!) are gathering in London as we speak to enjoy the 4 day TREK fest that is the 2016 TREKCC World Championships. London is a great city and a fantastic place to the 2016 event. To all those in attendance, enjoy the event, enjoy the city, but most of all, enjoy the community!*

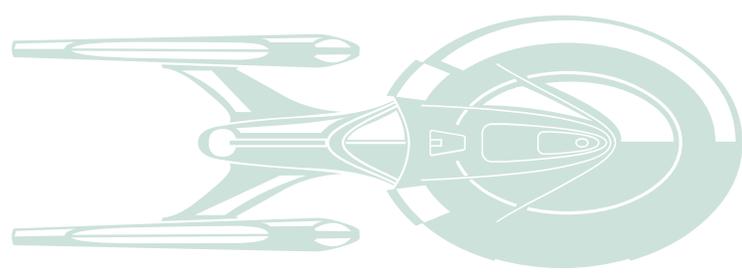
*Because of new sets, worlds and lots of other things it's a fairly skinny newsletter this month. However, dependable as always is Jadziadax8 who sent me this gencon report.*

### Gencon 2016 Report

*By Maggie Geppert*

Greetings fellow STCCG players! It was thought that August would be a quiet month for the Continuing Committee, but quite a bit has been happening.

All predictions aside, Gencon wasn't too quiet. Trek Masters was held for all three games. Eleven players participated in the *First Edition* Masters. Fourteen turned out for *Second Edition* and seventeen people bred up their *Tribbles*. Congratulations to Edwin Latrell, Phil Schrader and Sean O'Reilly for their victories in each game, respectively. Altogether, the three Masters and nine other sanctioned side events were great fun.



I had so much fun at Gencon 2014 that I knew I had to make it back this year. I especially wanted to make it to the 2E and Tribbles Masters tournaments. What with child care and such, I decided that I could attend Friday – Sunday. But that didn't mean that my Gencon-style fun was limited to the weekend. In fact...

## Tuesday, August 2nd Mount Prospect Was Targeted for Sexecution

That's right; Niall Matthew (sexecutioner) flew into Chicago and stopped along of my house for the evening before heading down to Indy on Wednesday. First stop after the airport pick up? Binny's! Yes, the local mega liquor store, because our basement bar does not stock Jägermeister. "Thirty dollars? I would have spent thirty pounds on that bottle!" My Norman Rockwell-esque town really threw him for a loop. "So, Americans

really do put American flags up on their houses!" I think he liked the pulled pork sandwiches. "I feel so hipster right now." We played some Munchkin and Keep Talking and No One Explodes and then I kind of don't remember much after that...

## Wednesday, August 3rd and Thursday, August 4th Deck Construction

I preregistered for 2E Masters, Traditional, Academy and Cool Tournaments. Oh, and Tribbles too. I scrambled to assemble decks while fighting off a hangover. Not a recommended procedure.

## Friday, August 5th Yay! Gencon!

I kissed the kids and my husband goodbye as they headed out the door, and then finished packing up for Gencon. I got in to Indy just in time for the 2E Traditional tourney. I was the only one who showed up to play, but thankfully Michael Van Breeman (henceforth known as MVB) had a Traditional deck to play (an unusual Ferengi deck) and we got a game in while 1E Masters was going on. I got smashed by him, but had fun nonetheless. And I learned an interesting fact about Ferengi that has made me want to build a new deck. I can hear the collective groans across Chicagoland right now.



*"...I had my game face on."*

Since I only got to play the one game, I decided to get really crazy and play in the 1E OTSD that happened after the 1E Masters. OMG, what a hoot!

Highlights?

1. Pulling a couple of Red Alerts
2. OK, that was pretty much it
3. OK, not really. I got to meet some cool new people, one of whom lives in Chicago. Hi Lee!

Lowlights?

1. Adam sending my Diplomacy away with a Male's Love Interest, then cutting me off from my non-Diplomacy missions with a Q-net.
2. Lee blowing up my only Exobiology with his fleet of ships
3. MVB stealing all my missions

Tribbles at 10! I think I lent my speed demon deck tonight and ended up losing to it. Dan Hamman says, "Welcome to the club."

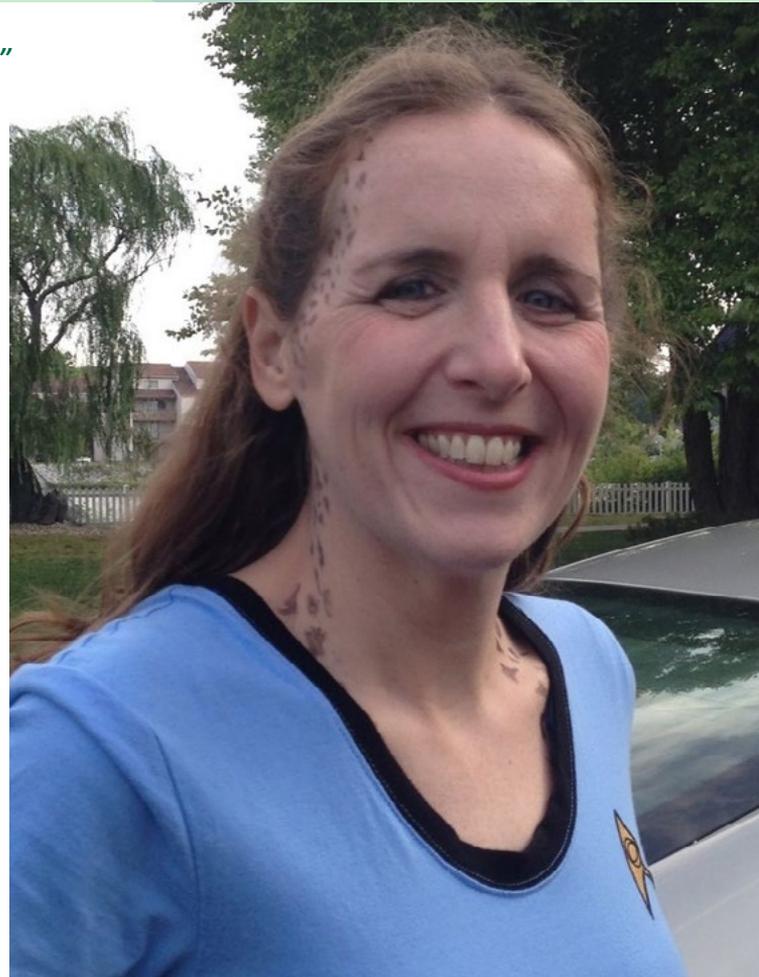
## Saturday, August 6th Yay! 2E Masters!

Saturday was 2E Masters and I had my game face on.

I played Bajoran Orbs (what is dead may never die!), since it did well at Regionals. I only went 1 and 4, but I played really well.

Highlights?

1. Hosp smash! (Sorry, Ben.)
2. Most losses were "I would have won next turn" losses
3. Watching MVB shuffle, and in a later round Consume, a 250 card dilemma pile





*"Look at this motley assortment of Trekkies."*



Lowlights?

1. Heartbreaking loss to Sean O'Reilly in the last round after time was called. Mental note – bring all mission skills on that last attempt
2. Getting ahead of Dan Hamman then watching his Klingons steamroller his last two missions.
3. Watching MVB's Relativity crew walk away from me 1st round (the only game that wasn't even close)

After the tourney I had a great dinner with Eric Bieche, Jeremy Benedict and Sean O'Reilly at the sushi joint nearby. Yum! Eric and I headed back to the convention hall in search of a Power Grid game, but stopped for a food truck cupcake on the way. Charlie, this one's for you!

Tribbles! Wow. I got last place. I can't believe I decided to play that deck for Masters...

## Sunday, August 7th Yay! Tribbles Masters!

But before that, things got Cool. Here in Chicagoland, we love to play a “Cool” Tournament, even in 2E. I had a deck that I had built for a tourney in 2014 that didn’t happen. My Triple HQ Klingon-Cardassian Alliance was ready for 2E.

### Highlights?

1. Beating MVB for the first time that weekend
2. Comparing Wrath of Gems games with Scott Baughman between rounds
3. Going all Parallax Arguers to get my deck voted coolest

Lowlights? Actually, none. It was all cool.

Tribbles Masters started a little late because the “Cool” tourneys ran a little late. Note for the future – start the Sunday events an hour earlier, because the event staff will kick you out at 4:00 pm sharp!

### Highlights?

1. Having my pod score so many Tribbles in the qualifying round that half of us made it to the top table, myself included.
2. Rescuing huge amounts of Fizzbins and getting one Rescue/Replay recursion chain to go all the way around.
3. Trash talking Tribbles

### Lowlights?

1. Recycles...grrr!
2. Getting seated next to a Dabo player. Problematic when you’re playing Rescue.
3. More Recycles...grrr!

All in all, I had a great time at Gencon. It was fantastic to see everyone again. I’m looking forward to my next Trek trip. Who’s ready for the Boston Blood Oath?



*“Charlie, this one’s for you!”*

*Thanks Maggie! Well done all involved with making Gencon another fun TREK event.*

*I had arranged to interview the amazing Peter Moller to get his Worlds thoughts, but he must still be looking for his pants somewhere around Trafalgar Square!*

*Chats all next month, hopefully we’ll have some Worlds reports. And don’t forget Hard Time is released September 9th, get ready to get into the lab and get experimental!*

*Cheers!*

